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SUBJECT: NAMIBIA: VANCE/OWEN MEETING WITH BOTHA

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1. YOU SHOULD COORDINATE WITH AMBASSADOR SCOTT AND,
SUBJECT TO INSTRUCTIONS HE MAY HAVE FROM LONDON, PROVIDE
FOURIE WITH ANSWERS TO HIS THREE QUESTIONS. YOU SHOULD
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ALSO INFORM HIM THAT SECRETARY VANCE AND DR. OWEN WILL
MEET WITH FOREIGN MINISTERS GENSCHER, DE GUIRINGAUD AND
JAMIESON IN LONDON SUNDAY. NAMIBIA WILL BE ONE OF A
NUMBER OF TOPICS THE FIVE FOREIGN MINISTERS WILL DISCUSS.

2. REGARDING THE FINAL WITHDRAWAL OF SOUTH AFRICAN
TROOPS AND ASSURANCES TO THE PEOPLE OF NAMIBIA REGARDING

"THREATS FROM THE NORTH," YOU SHOULD TELL FOURIE THAT
RESPONSES TO HIS QUESTIONS ON THESE MATTERS WILL NECESSAR-
ILY HAVE TO WAIT UNTIL AFTER THE FOREIGN MINISTERS HAVE
MET.

3. AS FOR THE INTERPRETATION OF THE RELATIONSHIP
BETWEEN THE ADMINISTRATOR GENERAL AND THE SPECIAL
REPRESENTATIVE, YOU SHOULD CONVEY THAT IT WAS OUR

BELIEF THAT THIS HAD BEEN SATISFACTORILY COVERED DURING
THE MEETING AT FOREIGN MINISTER BOTHA'S HOME LAST SUNDAY
EVENING. SECRETARY VANCE HAD ASSURED BOTHA THAT BOTHA'S
UNDERSTANDING THAT THE AG AND UNSR MUST WORK CLOSELY
TOGETHER WAS CORRECT. IT IS CLEAR IN THE FIVE'S PROPOSAL
THAT THE UNSR WILL HAVE TO SATISFY HIMSELF AS TO THE
FAIRNESS AND APPROPRIATENESS OF ALL ASPECTS OF THE
POLITICAL PROCESS AT EACH STAGE. AT THE MEETING BOTHA
HAD TOLD OWEN, VANCE AND YOUNG THAT WHEN THE DEMOCRATIC
TURNHALLE ALLIANCE (DTA) HAD EXPRESSED TO HIM FEAR THAT
THIS COULD MEAN THE UNSR WOULD HAVE CONTROL OF THE
"POLITICAL ADMINISTRATION OF THE TERRITORY," BOTHA HAD
TOLD THE DTA THIS WAS NOT THE CASE. IN VIEW OF WHAT
BOTHA AND FOURIE SAID AT THE MEETING AND BECAUSE OF THE
FAMILIARITY WITH THE PROPOSAL, IT WOULD SEEM THAT BOTHA
AND FOURIE HAVE A CLEAR UNDERSTANDING OF THE RELATIONSHIP
BETWEEN THE AG AND THE UNSR. CHRISTOPHER
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